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POLLUTION OF THE GREENBRIER.

Hinton is showing a goodeal of nervousness and irritability over the alleged proposed pollution of the Greenbrier to be caused by establishing the big pulp mill at Caldwell. We judge from the local papers published there. It states that the Hinton water works will not submit to any pollution of the water they have been pumping.

We do not consider the matter of enough importance to warrant a discussion, but it will do to make talk, something that is often necessary in our business. We have very little law on the subject of pollution of streams in this State, our laws being sufficiently strict to prevent any unnecessary pollution of streams, but not interfering with an industry such as the pulp mill.

We asked a prominent West Virginian, who has had a great deal to do with the stocking of the Greenbrier and other streams with desirable fish and who loves the shaded woods and a clear stream as well as any man, what he thought about such things. He said it is a sacrifice we must make to progress. We cannot afford to keep back the development of our country for the sake of a stream of water, and the day is coming when we will have to go back in the woods to find pure streams. You cannot change a forest to farm land without polluting to a considerable extent the streams which drain it. It is the price we have to pay for the benefits of civilization.

It is amusing to see how carefully the Hinton Independent-Herald shields the C. & O. R. R. with any part of the blame in the development of Caldwell. The railroad is the great factor at Hinton and no evil must be imputed to it.

It is quite true that we are favored by being upstream from the pulp mill, but we are quite sure if we were below it we would submit as gracefully as we could.

The newspaper correspondents talk of "disease and death," and only their inability prevents them from portraying as foul a stream as does Winthrop Mackworth Praed, an old English writer, in "The Red Fisherman." We were reminded so forcibly of it by the literary efforts of the Hinton people that we looked up the passage and give it here:

"Companionless, for a mile or more,
He traced the windings of the shore.
Oh, beauteous is that river still,
As it winds by many a sloping hill,
And many a dim o'er arching grove,
And many a flat and sunny cove,
And terraced lawns, whose bright arcades
The honey-suckle sweetly shades,
And rocks whose very crags seem bowers,
So gay they are with grass and flowers.
But the Abbot was thinking of scenery
About as much, in sooth,
As a lover thinks of constancy,
Or an advocate of truth.
He did not mark how the skies in wrath
Grew dark above his head;
He did not mark how the mossy path
Grew damp beneath his tread;
And nearer he came, and still more near
To a pool, in whose recess
The water had slept for many a year,
Unchanged and motionless:
From the river the stream it spread away,
The space of half a rood;
The surface had the hue of clay,
and the scent of human blood;
The trees and herbs that round it grew
Were venomous and foul;
And the birds that threw the bushes flew
Were the vulture and the owl;
The water was as dark and rank
As ever a company pumped;
And the trout that was netted and laid on the bank,
Grew rotten while it jumped:
And bold was he who thither came
At midnight, man or boy;
For the place was cursed with an evil name,
And that name was 'The Devil's Decoy.'"

Much comment has been made upon the recent exposures in Chicago going to show that almost any jury empanneled in that city can be bribed. In their denunciation of this state of corruption the newspapers have so far failed to consider that after all the accused has to put up so much money to go free that it is in the nature of a punishment.

Many fear that the beef was embalmed and the packers will be whitewashed. They would rather see the packers embalmed and the beef whitewashed.

For The Times.

AT THE DOLLAR DINNER.

"Much unfavorable comment has been made by his friends in Richmond on Hon. William J. Bryan's dining with negroe's both male and female at the Jeffersonian dinner in New York."—Daily Papers.

Belmont wrote to Billy Bryan,
'Come to New York and with me dine!'
'No,' Bryan answereb, 'you ain't nice,
Besides, sir, I ain't got the price.'
But on he came his head to swell
And stopped all night at a cheap hotel
And went to dine at a charity ball
At a popular price in reach of all.
But he met the people men have to face
When they travel cheap in a distant place,
For at the house he had chosen to dine
They 'd never heard of the color line;
And, a politician, his doubts began,
When they set him down by a colored man,

"'Sit thee down and have no shame,
Cheek by jowl and knee by knee,
What care I for any name?
What for order or degree?
Fill the cup and fill the can,'
Drink like dry ground after drouth
What care I for any man
Who ever voted in the South?
Are you not my friend and brother,
Come then let us hob-and-nob,
Let us drink to one another
Oblivious of the Southern Snob!
Fill the cup and fill the can,
Confusion to the Money Trust!
You are a One Dollar man,
I will eat with thee or bust!"

THE PASSING OF THE COVERED WAGON.

"The Greenbrier Valley Railroad will be built through a section of West Virginia which is practically destitute of transportation facilities."—Manufacturer's Record.

What of the covered wagon! They seem to regard the wagon and team of little or no account, but it has done wonders in carrying freight into Pocahontas. It has been slow and expensive, but no one can say it has not been effective. The goods might get damaged by water in the fords; the rain might leak through a defective wagon cover; the goods get rubbed in the hauling; the wagon stick in a mud-hole; a wheel crush down with the weight of the load; a horse get sick or die; or the wagon and team go over the side of the road down a precipitous mountain side, but all these years the mountain schooners have been trailing over our long roads supplying a numerous people with all the luxuries and necessities of modern times.

It would be hard to find a community of people who live better or more comfortably than the people of this county. They have good stores, well built houses nicely furnished, and the latest and best farm machinery. Great quantities of salt and commercial fertilizers are imported. We export live stock which is driven out with less drift than if carried on the train, and timber which has been floated away by the river. Grain has never been sent out for this country's wealth is in live stock, and grain has always commanded a better price here than at the railroad. So the country prospered in a quiet way and has had fairly good transportation facilities and the majority do not look upon a railroad as a necessity by any means. They want to see it built knowing it will be a great convenience and bring more people here and make timber valuable, but on the other hand they know that farm land will depreciate in value and some of the people who follow the railroad in will not be acquisitions.

And as long as they compute the strength of the locomotive by comparing it with the power of a horse, and we have thousands of horses and experienced wagoneers, please do not say that we are practically destitute of transportation facilities.

It is greatly to be regretted that Bryan dined at any of the dinners in New York, owing to the row the southern people are raising over the fact that colored people were present at the banquet on the 15th

IMPORTANT WEST VIRGINIA LINE.

Nearly 100 Miles to be Built at Once Along the Greenbrier Valley.

The project of constructing a railroad along the Greenbrier River, West Virginia, through the extensive coal beds and timber tracts in the eastern section of West Virginia was detailed over a year ago in the Manufacturer's Record. The company, comprising several prominent Northern capitalists, took up the matter, and several surveys were made, but for a time the matter was held in abeyance. The Manufacturer's Record has been informed upon the highest authority that arrangements have finally been made to construct this road, which will extend from Caldwell station, on the Chesapeake & Ohio to the forks of Greenbrier, a distance of ninety miles. In connection with the railroad a large pulp mill will be built, as recently stated in these columns. Surveys are now being made for the railroad, and the promoting company expects to let contacts within the next thirty days.

The route is through a section of West Virginia which is practically destitute of transportation facilities, and it will prove a most important factor in the development of that section of the South.—Manufacturer's Record.

DUNMORE.

Sunday was a March day.

Sol Davis and family will leave Wednesday for Baltimore. His sale was largely attended and second-hand furniture sold for more than new.

Mrs Adam Nottingham is improving some.

Mrs Julia Lockrikge, of Highland, is out to see her mother.

Newton Gum had a child badly scalded; it may recover.

Several old cows are on the lift.

Elihu Gum moved out and Will Geiger moved in.

R. L. Nottingham is getting on his ladies hats for summer.

J. R. Hevener was in town Monday for some furniture. Swecker will send a wagon load of hand made furniture to Elk next week.

Swecker will close out a stock of goods at Marlinton April 28.

We see some work being done on the bad roads. If people would see good roads kept up by taxation they would all be in for it.

R. L. Nottingham has been appointed postmaster at Dunmore. Take your medicine, boys; I have been in the same line.

We see fire in the mountains. Some one is trying to kill all the timber and make the land so poor that you can't raise an umbrella on it.

B. F. McElwee has been putting in some new 'phones along the line.

Oliver Brothers have sold out to Lawrence Dysard.

The lumber business is brisk up at Clondike.

PETER B. NOBSCOT.

Notice to Contractors and Builders.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned building committee at the store of S. H. Wood until Saturday the 20th day of May, 1899, for the building of a Presbyterian church at Mingo. Said building to be 26 x 40 feet long, 15 feet high; all necessary material will be furnished on building site by committee. For specifications and explanations apply to building committee. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. L. COFF, Secretary
S. H. WOOD,
F. P. MARSHALL,
WM. M. BOYD,
Committee.

Administrator's Sale.

The undersigned Administrator of the late William Beverage will sell on the premises of the decedent at public auction to the highest bidder, on the

29th day of APRIL,

(Saturday), the following personal property, to wit: One grey mare age unknown, one grey mare three years old, one grey colt, one red heifer three years old, one roan cow dehorned, one roan cow not dehorned, one red cow four years old, one lot of hay, two hogs, some farming utensils, and household and kitchen furniture, the property of the late William Beverage.

TERMS: Cash on day of sale for all sums of five dollars or under and as to other amounts a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser to give bond with good personal security and bearing interest.

J. F. MCCOLLUM,
Administrator.

BROWNSBURG.

The weather is fine and the whippoorwill has made appearance again, and the farmers are making wide preparations for planting corn

Our community witnessed two deaths last week, Mrs Julia Truss and Mrs Aronia Scott.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs Julia Truss died April 20th at 8 p. m. She was the wife of Jonas Truss of Virginia, and was near 80 years old. Two of her sons survive her. She was a member of the M. E. Church, and a devout christian. In her last words she said that the angels were coming to carry her home.

Mrs M. A. Scott, aged 22 years, departed this life on April 22 at 3 a. m. She was the wife of Charles Scott: they have been married two years and she leaves one child. She told her husband not to grieve after her, and she called her brothers to her bedside and requested them to try to meet her in Heaven. The funeral service was conducted by Rev J. M. Boggs Sunday morning at the church.

And so we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved friends of the deceased. E. W. J.

Administrators Sale.

As Administrator of Henry W. McNeel, deceased, I will on Tuesday, May 9, 1899, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., at the residence of of the late Henry W. McNeel in the town of Academy, West Virginia, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following personal property belonging to the estate of the said Henry W. McNeel, deceased, to wit:

Two dun horses, five hogs, one new McCormick binder, one McCormick mowing machine, one buggy, harness, plows, harrows, and other farming utensils, and the household and kitchen furniture.

Terms: $5 and less, cash. For sums over $5, note with good personal security.

F. T. MCCLINTIC,
Administrator.

Notice of Sale.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, entered on the 4th day of April, 1899, in the matter of the sale of the MOUNT LEBANON METHODIST EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE.

TAKE NOTICE

that a petition in equity has been filed in the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county for the sale of the real estate composing the Methodist Episcopal Parsonage of the Greenbrier Circuit, and in accordance with said decree the undersigned Trustees holding said property according to law, will on Saturday, May 6th, 1899, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M., proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the said parsonage property, situated on Hill's Creek in said county, consisting of 29 acres of land having thereon fair buildings, well watered, and suitable for comfortable home for a person with a small family.

Given under our hands this 17th day of April, 1899.

J. O. HILL,
PETER HILL,
D. C HILL,
MORGAN ANDERSON,
Wm. MORRISON,
Trustees.